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SUBJECT: BELGIAN APPROACH ON SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF
CD

REF: STATE 183175

1. ON JULY 25, GASTON VAN DUYSE, FIRST SECRETARY OF
BELGIAN MISSION, CALLED ON DELOFF AT US MISSION. UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS, VAN DUYSE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH
RESPECT TO PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE ON
DISARMAMENT MEMBERS AND ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE SEATS:

-- CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE HELD IN
GENEVA, NOT NEW YORK.

-- OF THE EIGHT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, THREE SEATS SHOULD
GO TO THE WESTERN GROUP, THREE TO THE NON-ALIGNED, AND TWO
TO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

-- THE SEATS OF ALL NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES SHOULD
BE ROTATED ON A BASIS TO BE AGREED AMONG THE PARTIES.

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ROTATION WOULD APPLY TO CURRENT CCD MEMBERS AS WELL AS
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

VAN DUYSE ADDED THAT THE CONCEPT OF ROTATION HAD RECEIVED
FAVORABLE REACTION FROM EC-9 MEMBERS. WHEN ASKED BY US
DELOFF IF THAT STATEMENT APPLIED TO EC-9 STATES CURRENTLY
MEMBERS OF CCD, VAN DUYSE ACKNOWLEDGED IT DID NOT.

3. VAN DUYSE THEN ASKED FOR US REACTION ON EACH OF THE THREE POINTS. DELOFF INFORMED VAN DUYSE THAT US DID NOT CONSIDER GENEVA TO BE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR CONSULTATIONS AND THAT WE DID NOT YET HAVE A FIRM POSITION ON EITHER PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OR CHOICES AMONG CANDIDATES. VAN DUYSE THEN STATED HE WOULD APPRECIATE US VIEW ON SECOND AND THIRD POINTS. DELOFF SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE CONVERSATION TO WASHINGTON, BUT POINTED OUT THAT CONSULTATIONS ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN CAPITALS RATHER THAN IN GENEVA.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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